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Family Initiatives

a catalyst for family-centered child support

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State of Texas



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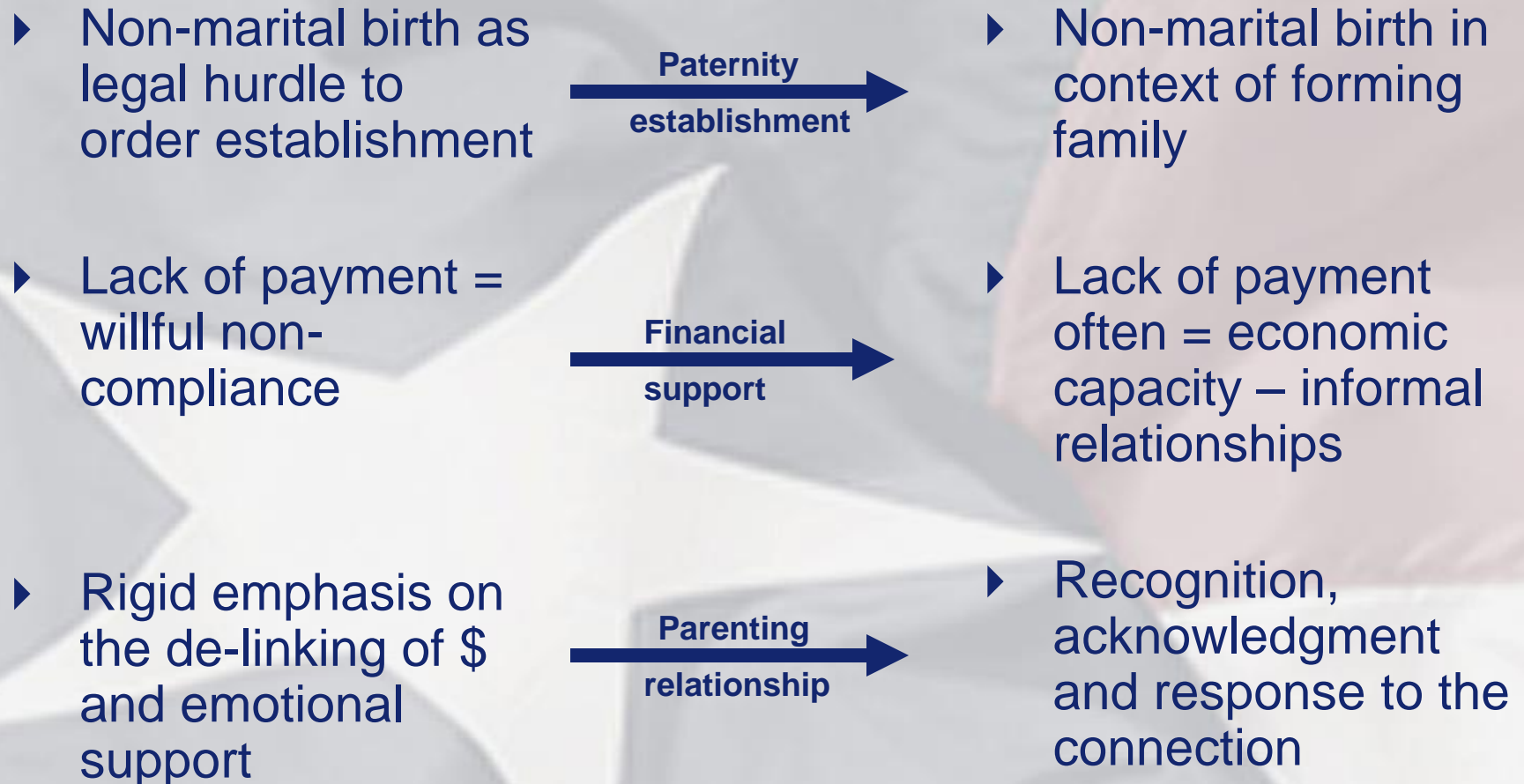
Child Support Agency must:

Locate Parents
Establish Paternity
Establish Orders
Enforce Orders

“Children can count on their parents for the financial, medical, and emotional support they need to be healthy and successful.” (OCSE Vision Statement)

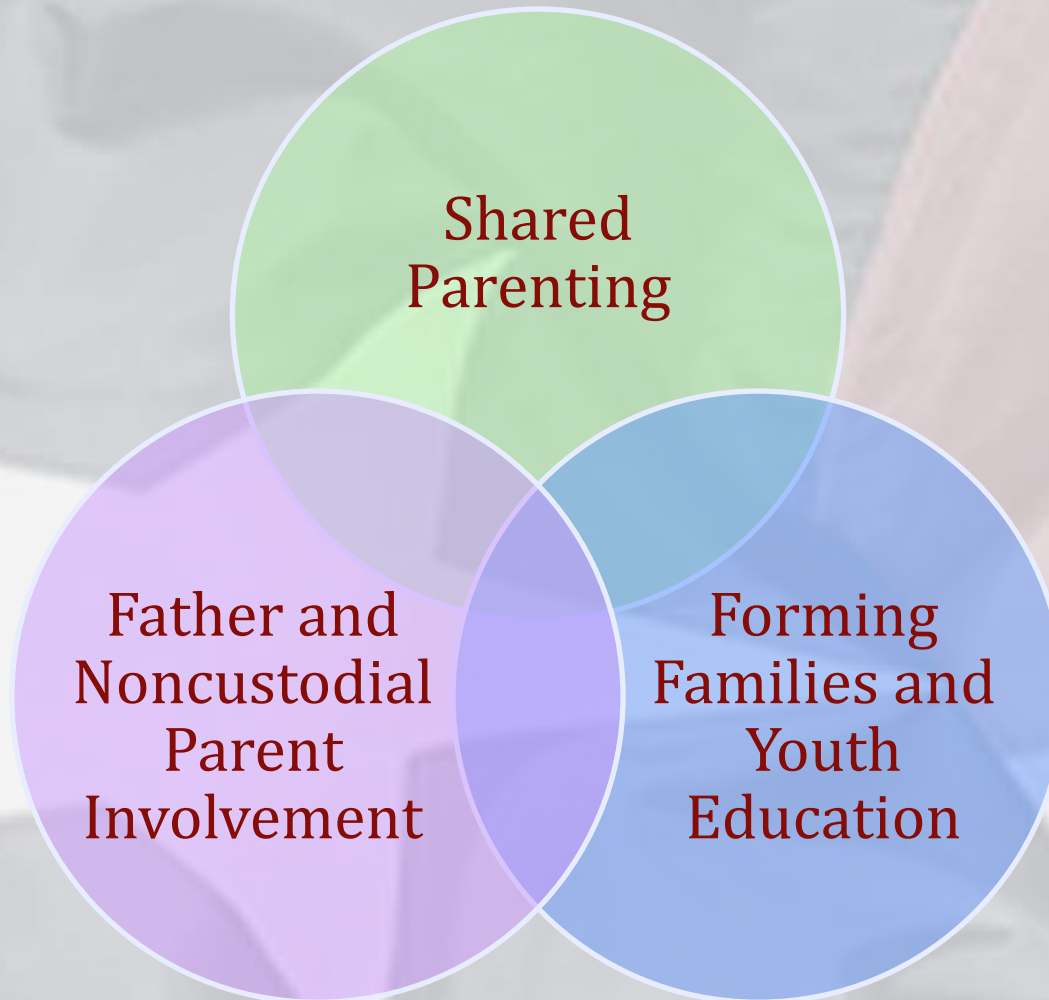


Enforcement Centered or Family Centered?





Family Centered Child Support Innovations – Texas Style





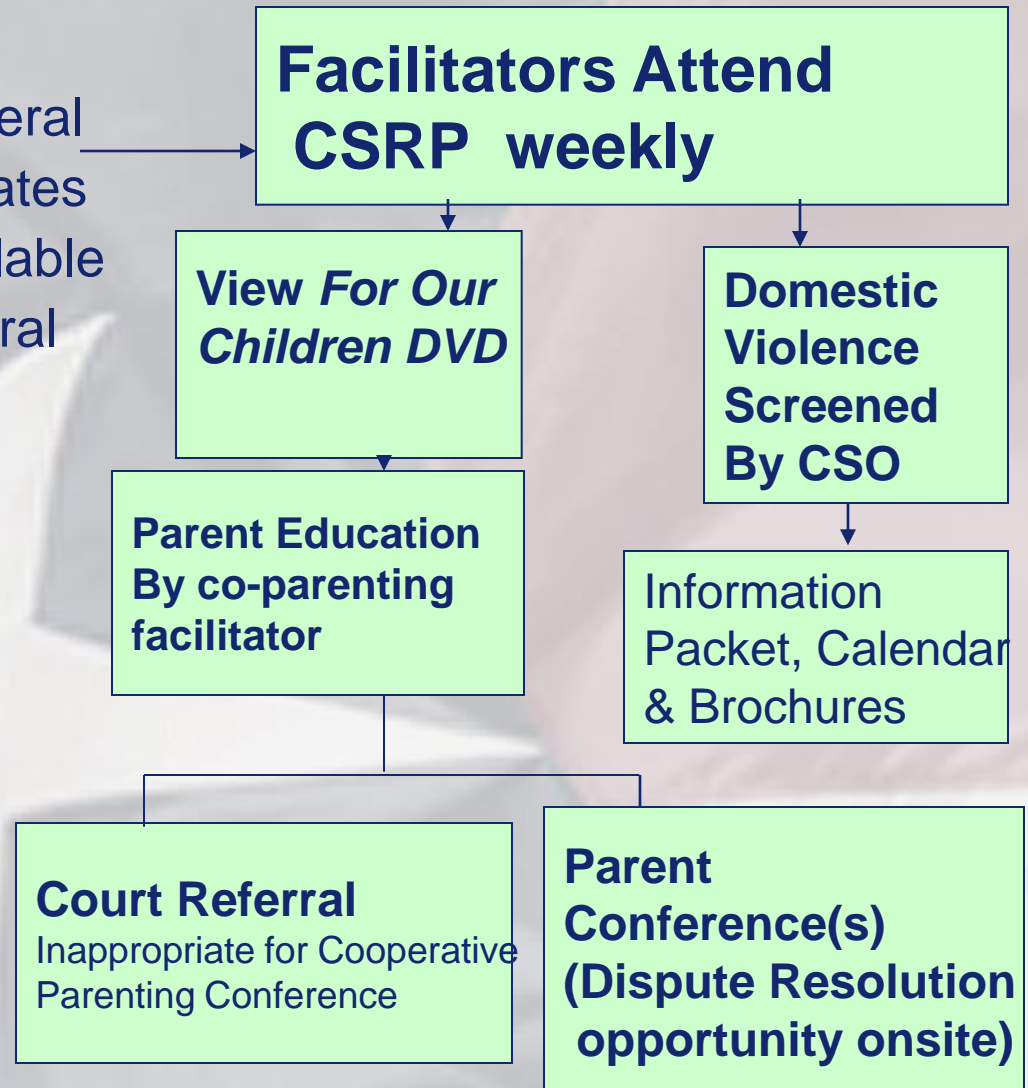
Child Support Review Process

- ▶ CSRP enables the OAG to take expedited administrative actions to establish, modify, and enforce child support and medical support obligations, to determine parentage
- ▶ *Now* CSRP notice incorporates parenting resource for advance information
- ▶ Parents meet with child support officer to discuss and prepare agreed order in lieu of parents appearing in court
- ▶ After attorney review, submitted for court approval and judge's signature



Shared Parenting Conferences

- ▶ Office of the Attorney General CSRP notification letter states Parenting Facilitators available Child Support Officer referral



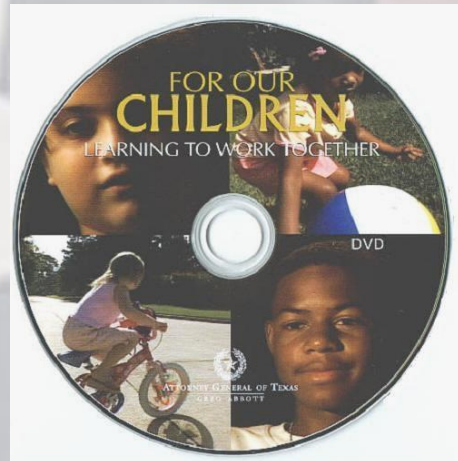
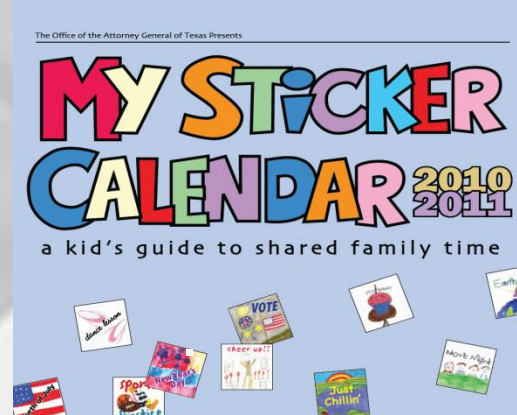
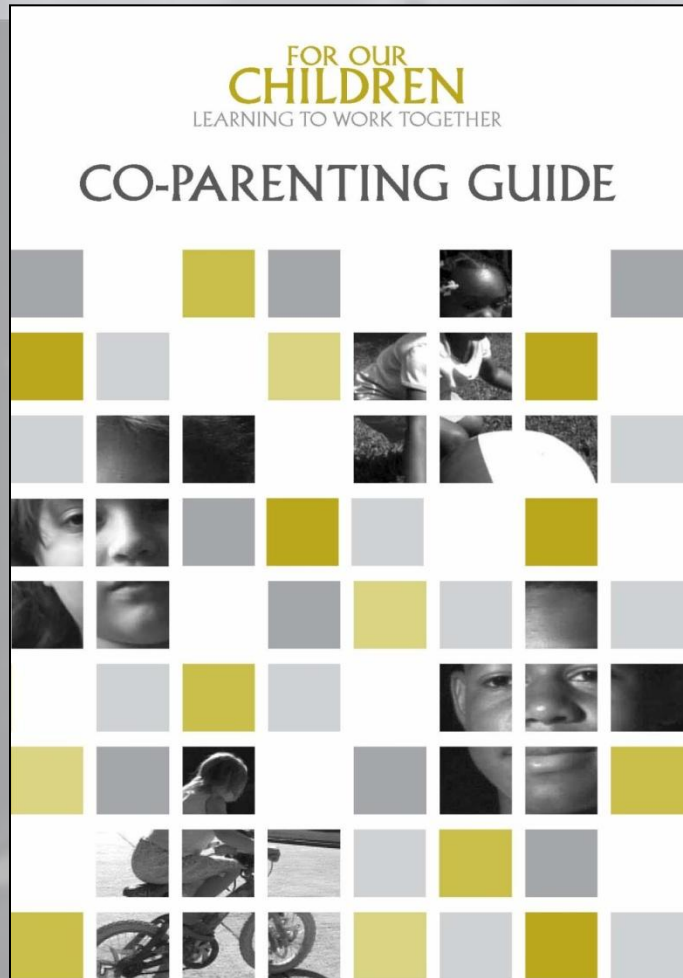


Court Order Parent Education

- ▶ Brief, live presentation conducted at court immediately prior to court hearings to establish paternity and/or child support orders (if no CSRP agreement)
- ▶ Explain content of court orders in plain language
 - Address common confusions and misunderstandings that parents experience
- ▶ Answer parents' questions
 - Reduce the number of parents who require attention by court personnel – respectful process for BOTH parents
 - Improve flow of cases at court
- ▶ Deepen understandings parents have about their orders and consequences of noncompliance
 - Improve compliance with court orders
 - ADR opportunity available onsite afterward (El Paso & Bexar counties—SIP project in Travis and Harris counties—all IV-D Judges have tools to replicate).



Publications



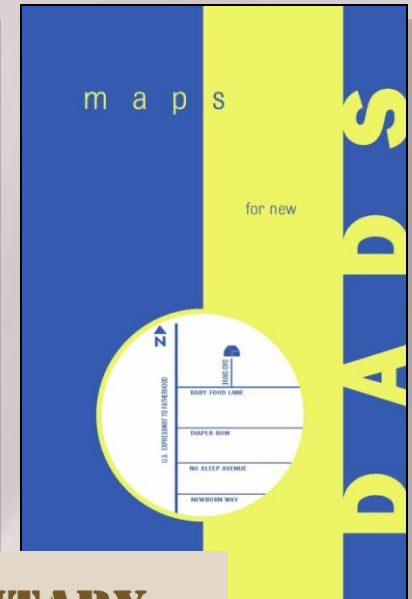


Publications



The First Nine Months OF **Fatherhood:** Paternal Contributions to Maternal and Child Health Outcomes

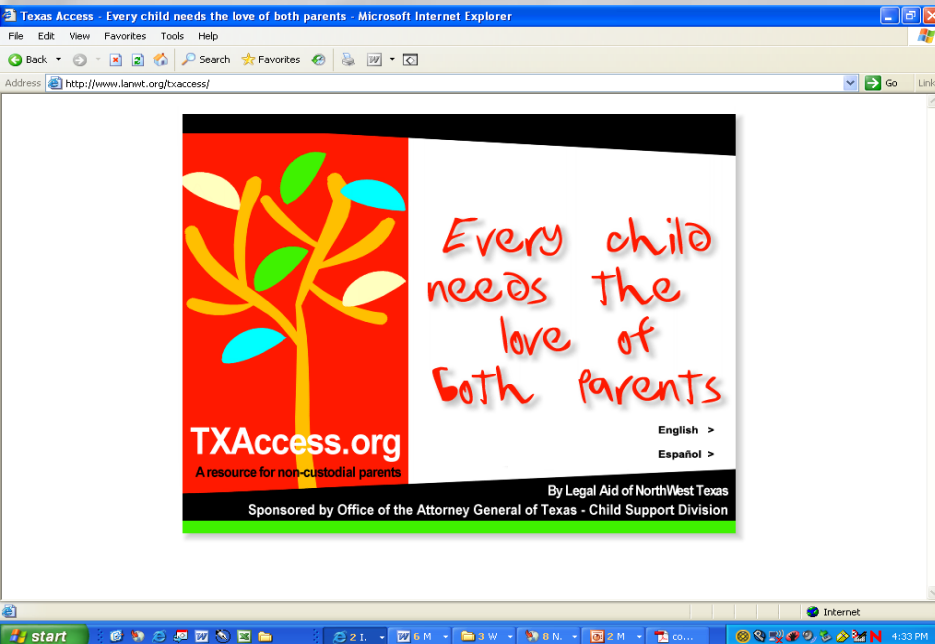
A Report of the Findings from the First National Conference of
Emerging Research and Practice on Prenatal Father Involvement



MILITARY PARENTS: PATERNITY, CHILD SUPPORT, CUSTODY & PARENTING TIME



Online Resources

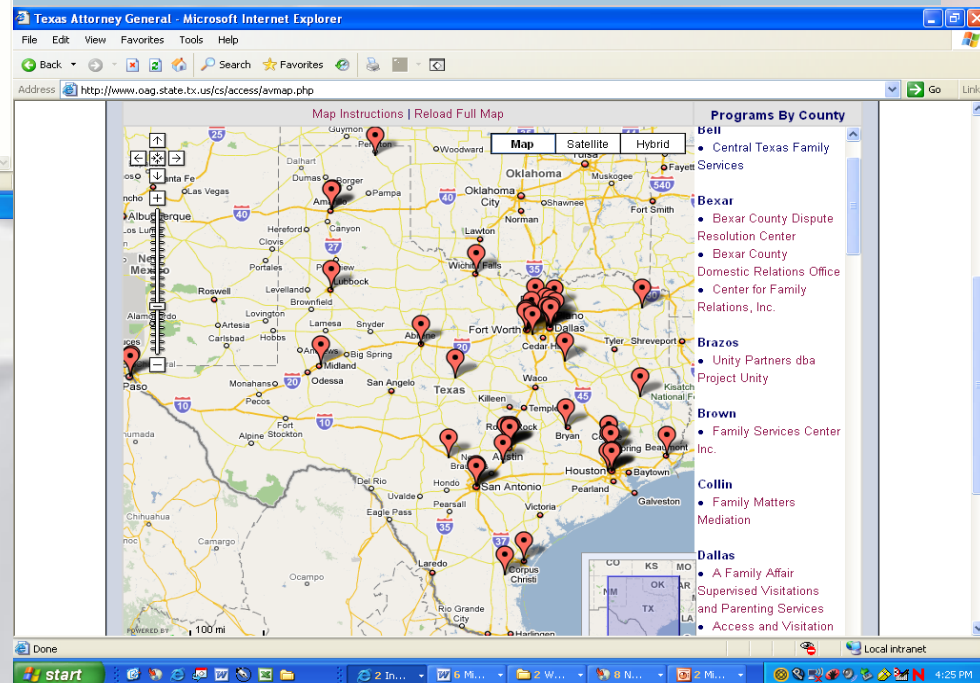


Texas Access & Visitation Hotline

Providers:

- Five nonprofits
- Five local governments

Texas Access & Visitation Provider Map





Thank You!

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